Causes: Lost and Found

On Page 3 this morning Fred Graham takes on two more books which question whether the Warren Commission gave Lee Harvey Oswald a fair shake. Maybe it's the times, maybe the pollution in the air, but Oswald is not the only loser winning friendly books these days. First, there is Mendel Beiliss, a Russian Jew who was tried for the murder

of an 11-year-old boy in 1911. His case has inspired "Blood Accusation," a history of the case by Maurice Samuel, published recently by Knopf.

Then there is Steven Truscott, the subject of a book by Isabel LeBourdais just published by Lippincott. Truscott is a 21-year-old Canadian who in 1959 was convicted and sentenced to hang for the rape-murder of his 12-year-old schoolmate, Lynne Harper. Because he was only 14 at the time, Truscott's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Miss